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The settlement proposal does not solve the primary problem: Microsoft's behavior does not change, however, under this proposal, it merely pays a licensing fee so that it can continue to violate the law.

Microsoft must be forced into making the environment more open to competition. I would like to see the following added to the proposal.

No computer system can be sold with Microsoft's operating system, unless it comes with a second non-Microsoft operating system install. The market place can determine what it will be (There is Linux and BSD operating systems available.) If it is an open-source operating system, then it will come at no cost to the consumer.

Microsoft must modify its software so that if the consumer must recover the Windows operating system, the recover process does not assume it will have the entire disk for itself. (That little trick makes sure that no other operating can survive while making it more difficult for people to backup their systems.)

Additional, consumers must have the right to buy a system without Microsoft Windows install and not have to pay a kick-back to Microsoft in the process. There are many people who do not want Microsoft windows.

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